

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending. By this Amendment, Claims 5 and 14 are amended and Claims 19-42 are newly added, thereby leaving Claims 1-4, 6-13 and 15-18 unchanged.

Applicant's attorneys appreciate the Examiner's time and consideration during the telephone interview on August 18, 2004. During the interview, Applicant's attorney Stephen A. Gigot (Registration No. 51,232) and the Examiner discussed the objections and rejections in the present Office action, as explained in greater detail below. The Examiner made no statement as to whether she agreed with or disagreed with Applicant's positions. In addition, the Examiner indicated that additional prior art searches may be necessary.

Claims 1-6 and 14-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 4,856,253 ("Jou"). Claims 7-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jou. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 1 defines a hanger for supporting a device, the hanger comprising a housing having a face positioned substantially vertically, and a nonlinear slot cut into the face, the slot having a first end and a second end, the first end being closed and the second end being opened.

Jou does not teach or suggest, among other things, a face positioned substantially vertically and a nonlinear slot cut into the face. Rather, Jou discloses a fixed element 3 having a base portion, outwardly extending lips 32, and a horizontally extending channel defined between the base portion and the outwardly extending lips 32.

For these and other reasons, Jou does not teach or suggest all the claim limitations of independent Claim 1. Accordingly, independent Claim 1 is allowable. Claims 2-4 and newly-added Claims 31-36 depend from independent Claim 1 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

Independent Claim 5 defines a hanger for supporting a device, the hanger comprising a face positioned substantially vertically, a slot cut into the face, the slot having a substantially constant width and a first end and a second end, the first end being closed and the second end opening into a receiving area, the receiving area being at least twice as wide as the slot, and at least one slot branch extending from the slot and having a closed end, the at least one slot branch having a substantially constant width that is substantially the same as the width of the slot.

Jou does not teach or suggest, among other things, a face positioned substantially vertically and a slot cut into the face. In addition, Jou does not teach or suggest a slot having a first end and a second end, the first end being closed and the second end opening into a receiving area, the receiving area being at least twice as wide as the slot. Rather, Jou discloses a fixed element 3 having a base portion, outwardly extending lips 32, and a horizontally extending channel defined between the base portion and the outwardly extending lips 32. The generally linear channel includes a narrow inlet defined between the lips 32 and a substantially wider area adjacent to the base portion of the fixed element 3.

In addition, Jou does not teach or suggest at least one slot branch extending from the slot and having a closed end, the at least one slot branch having a substantially constant width that is substantially the same as the width of the slot. Rather, the channel of Jou is shaped to receive an engaging member 11. During engagement, the engaging member 11 passes through a narrow inlet defined between the lips 32 and moves along a linear path into a larger, closed area defined between a base of the fixed element 3 and curved portions of the lips 32.

For these and other reasons, Jou does not teach or suggest all the claim limitations of independent Claim 5. Accordingly, independent Claim 5 is allowable.

Independent Claim 6 defines an electronic device for mounting on a substantially vertical surface, the electronic device comprising a front face, the front face including a display, a back face opposite the front face, and a top hanger formed on the back face, the top hanger including a nonlinear top slot having a substantially constant width and a first, closed end and a second, opened end, the second end opening into a top receiving area that is at least twice as wide as the top slot.

Jou does not teach or suggest an electronic device including, among other things, a nonlinear top slot having a substantially constant width. In addition, Jou does not teach or suggest a nonlinear top slot having a first, closed end and a second, opened end, the second end opening into a top receiving area that is at least twice as wide as the top slot. Rather, Jou discloses a fixed element 3 having a base portion, outwardly extending lips 32, and a horizontally extending channel defined between the base portion and the outwardly extending lips 32. The channel of Jou is shaped to receive an engaging member 11. During engagement, the engaging member 11 passes through a narrow inlet defined between the lips 32 and moves

along a linear path into a larger, closed area defined between a base of the fixed element 3 and curved portions of the lips 32.

For these and other reasons, Jou does not teach or suggest all the claim limitations of independent Claim 6. Accordingly, independent Claim 6 is allowable. Claims 7-13 depend from independent Claim 6 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

Independent Claim 14 defines a hanger for supporting a device, the hanger comprising a housing having a hanger face positioned substantially vertically, the hanger face being spaced-apart from a back face of the device by a sidewall, a chamber formed behind the hanger face and substantially surrounded by the sidewall, a slot cut into the hanger face, the slot lying substantially in a vertical plane defined by the hanger face and opening at one end into a receiving area, and at least two flanges, one on each side of the receiving area and angled in toward the open end of the slot.

Jou does not teach or suggest, among other things, a hanger face positioned substantially vertically and a slot cut into the hanger face, the slot lying substantially in a vertical plane defined by the hanger face. Rather, Jou discloses a fixed element 3 having a base portion, outwardly extending lips 32, and a horizontally extending channel defined between the base portion and the outwardly extending lips 32.

For these and other reasons, Jou does not teach or suggest all the claim limitations of independent Claim 14. Accordingly, independent Claim 14 is allowable. Claims 15-18 and newly-added Claims 37-42 depend from independent Claim 16 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

Claims 19-42 have been newly added and are believed to be allowable over the prior art. Specifically, newly-added Claims 31-36 and 37-42 depend from respective independent Claim 1 and independent Claim 14 and are allowable for a number of reasons, including but not limited to those discussed above with respect to independent Claims 1 and 14.

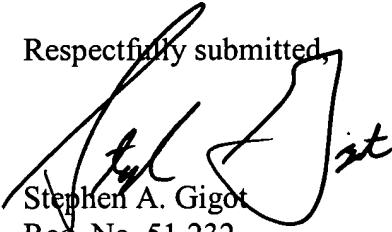
In addition, independent Claim 19 defines a hanger for supporting a device on a projection extending outwardly from a wall, the hanger comprising a housing having a hanger face, and a nonlinear slot extending through the face and being engageable with the projection to secure the device to the wall, the slot defining an entry path for the projection, an exit path for the projection, and at least one locking path for the projection, the locking path being different than the exit path.

The prior art does not teach or suggest one or more of these elements, including, among other things, a slot defining an entry path for the projection, an exit path for the projection, and at least one locking path for the projection, the locking path being different than the exit path. Accordingly, independent Claim 19 is allowable. Claims 20-30 depend from independent Claim 19 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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